

Julius Caesar

- Five sentences have been removed from the story below. For each question, choose the correct answer. There are three extra sentences you do not need to use.

Julius Caesar is one of the most famous Romans in history and had a large impact on the shape of ancient Rome.

Early Life

Gaius Julius Caesar was born around 100 BC in Rome, Italy. His family were part of the Roman nobility. ¹ _____

At the age of 16, Caesar found himself the head of the family after the death of his father. A year later, he married Cornelia and they had a daughter named Julia. The ruler of the Romans, Sulla, ordered Caesar to divorce Cornelia as she was a daughter of his enemies. ² _____

Political Life

After Sulla's death in 78 BC, Caesar returned to Rome as a lawyer. He was very successful and later, he went up in rank to become a **quaestor** of a Roman province in 69 BC.

In 61 BC, Caesar was elected as governor of Spain. ³ _____

In 59 BC, Caesar was elected as a senior Roman **consul**, allowing him to have more control over much of Rome.

In 58 BC, Caesar was elected governor of Gaul, where he commanded a large army and he became known as a strong leader.

In 48 BC, Caesar traveled to Egypt, where he met and fell in love with Queen Cleopatra. ⁴ _____

Ruling Rome

After many battles against his enemies in the Middle East, Africa and Spain, Caesar returned to Rome and, in 46 BC, declared himself the ruler of the Romans. During his rule, he made many changes such as • increasing the size of the **Senate**, supporting military veterans and giving a Roman citizenship to all those in Roman lands.

Many people were not happy with Caesar's rule. ⁵ _____ Caesar's successor was his grand-nephew Octavian (later known as Augustus Caesar), who became the first emperor of Rome.



Word Bank:

Quaestor: an official in charge of public spending.

Consul: the highest political office in Rome.

Senate: the council of the Roman Republic, similar to a government.

- A. As a result, he spent some time hiding from Sulla.
- B. However, many Romans believed he was becoming too powerful.
- C. This was a very high position and he won a series of battles there as well.
- D. He refused and decided to leave Rome forever.
- E. They had a son named Caesarion.
- F. Even though they had a high rank, they were not very wealthy or influential in politics.
- G. He was also interested in writing poetry when he was young.
- H. Therefore, in 44 BC, a group of senators killed him because they feared his control.